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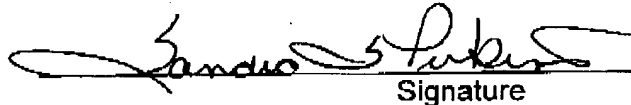
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Appl. No.:	09/688,332)	Art Unit/T.C.:	1731
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Filed:	October 10, 2000)	Customer No.:	04-1403
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Title:	Soft Paper Products With)	Confirmation No.:	1223
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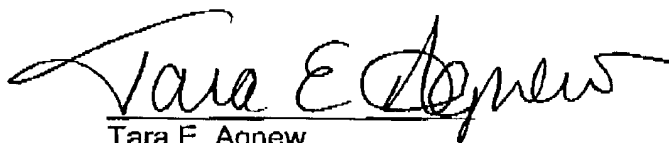
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A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above-identified application on December 24, 2003. While reviewing the file for payment of the issue fee, it came to our attention that an Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicants on November 18, 2003, has not yet been initialed by the Examiner. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement as filed on November 18, 2003, (3 pages total) accompanies this Letter.

Applicants request that an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement be faxed to Attorneys for Applicants so that the record properly shows that the documents cited November 18, 2003, have been considered by the Examiner.

Please contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions regarding this Letter, as the Issue/Publication Fees are due for this application on **March 24, 2004**.

Respectfully submitted,
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In re Application of: Burns, et al.

Serial No: 09/688,332

Filed: October 10, 2000

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Title: Soft Paper Products with Low Lint and Slough

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